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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8976

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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1. WE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH VALLE OF AGREEMENTS SECTION OF AIR FRANCE, WHO IS PARTICULARLY WELL QUALIFIED THIS SUBJECT FROM PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. HE SAID THAT CHINESE AUTHORITIES PROVIDE ONLY THE BARE MINIMUM OF AERONAUTICAL INFO TO AIR FRANCE AND HE IS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF OBTAINING FULLER INFO FROM THEM DESPITE FACT THAT CHINESE RETICENCE THIS POINT IS CONTRARY TO OBLIGATIONS THEY ASSUMED UNDER FRANCO-CHINESE BILATERAL CIVAIR AGREEMENT.

2. VALLE SAID THAT FOR AIR FRANCE'S ROUTE TO PEKING AIR FRANCE IS OBLIGED ADHERE STRICTLY TO VERY NARROW FLIGHT CORRIDOR FROM THE BURMA BORDER AND IS PROVIDED MINIMUM OF INFO ON ONLY TWO ALTERNATE AIRPORTS.

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EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFO ON OTHER ROUTES OR ON OTHER

AIRPORTS HAS MET WITH CHINESE REFUSAL, SINCE THEY
WILL GIVE OUT SUCH INFO ONLY FOR ROUTES WHICH ARE
ACTUALLY EXPLOITED. AIR FRANCE RECEIVES METEOROLOGICAL
INFO VERY IRREGULARLY FROM CHINESE AND SO
AIR FRANCE DOES NOT COUNT ON IT. FOR ITS
PEKING SERVICE AIR FRANCE INSTEAD RELIES ON
METEOROLOGICAL INFO IT OBTAINS FROM ITS TOKYO OFFICE.

3. WITH REGARD TO SEARCH AND RESCUE PROCEDURES,
AIR FRANCE HAS TWICE PRESSED CHINESE FOR FULLER INFO,
MOST RECENTLY LAST MARCH. CHINESE RESPOND ONLY THAT
IF AIR FRANCE AIRCRAFT IS IN DIFFICULTY OVER CHINESE
TERRITORY, PILOT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SO RADIO CHINESE
AUTHORITIES WHO WILL THEN PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON
NEAREST AIRPORT FOR EMERGENCY LANDING. CHINESE
FLATLY REFUSE TO PROVIDE INFO IN ADVANCE ON AIRPORTS
THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE ON AIR FRANCE
ROUTE.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH FAA REP.
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